

Claims

1. A cooking hob having a main body, one or more cooking rings on the body of the top surface of the hob, a control panel on the front surface of the hob, said control panel being slidably mounted to the body for forwards movement away from the body in a plane which extends substantially parallel to said top surface.
2. A cooking hob as claimed in claim 1, arranged for mounting in an aperture formed in a work surface.
3. A cooking hob as claimed in claim 2, arranged to slide forward to meet an aperture formed in a cabinet underneath said work surface.
4. A cooking hob as claimed in claim 1, in which wiring between said control panel and main body of said hob is supported by a duct which extends rearwardly from said control panel.
5. A cooking hob as claimed in claim 1, in which said duct is a draw-like member comprising an upwardly facing channel having a bottom wall and opposite side walls, said control member being mounted across one end of said channel.
6. A cooking hob as claimed in claim 5, in which said walls of the duct enclose said main body of said hob when the control panel is in the retracted position.
7. A cooking hob as claimed in claim 1, in which said control panel is moveable in a plane which extends perpendicular to the direction of slidable movement.

8. A cooking hob as claimed in claim 1, in which a cooling fan for creating a flow of air through said main body of the hob between an inlet and an outlet.

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9. A cooking hob as claimed in claim 8, in which said inlet and said outlet are positioned adjacent said control panel on a portion of the hob which is also slidably mounted to said main body for forwards movement away from said main body in a plane which extends substantially parallel to said top surface.

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10. A cooking hob as claimed in claim 8, in which air is drawn through said control panel to cool said control panel.

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11. A cooking hob as claimed in claim 8, in which said duct is a draw-like member comprising an upwardly facing channel having a bottom wall and opposite side walls, said control member being mounted across one end of said channel, and said inlet and said outlet are connected to said main body of said hob by extendable ducts which extend along said draw-like member.

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12. A cooking hob as claimed in claim 8, in which a filter is provided at said inlet.

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13. A method of installing a cooking hob, the method comprising positioning said hob in an aperture formed in a work surface and sliding a control panel outwardly from a main body of said hob under said work surface to meet an aperture formed in the front of a cabinet under said work surface.